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Identical letters dated 8 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 8 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 8 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

Today the IAEA inspection team divided into three groups, as follows:

1. A group consisting of two inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0735 hours, and at 1100 hours it arrived at the Samawah Cement Plant in Muthanna governorate.

2. A second group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0800 hours, and at 1008 hours it arrived at the Kufah Cement Plant in Najaf governorate.

3. A third group, consisting of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1020 hours and proceeded to the Karbala Cement Plant in Najaf governorate.

The purpose of visiting the above-mentioned cement plants was to check amounts of HMX used in blasting stone quarries in the cement industry.

II. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, missile and biological) inspection team

A team of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0900 hours, and at 0930 hours it arrived at the machinery and mechanics division of the Nasr State Enterprise, which comes under the Ministry of Irrigation and is located in the Sayyidiyah area of Baghdad. The team interviewed the head of the division and asked him about the machinery under repair, the sources of spare parts, the size of the division's manning table and whether there was cooperation with the armed forces. The team then inspected all the site's facilities. The team completed its assignment at 1200 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1220 hours.

III. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, missile and biological) inspection team in Mosul

A team of 11 inspectors left its headquarters at Nineveh Palace Hotel at 0900 hours, and at 0915 hours it arrived at the Ninawa State Enterprise for the Manufacture of Drugs and Medicines belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Mining and located 15 kilometres north of Mosul. Upon arrival, the team held a meeting with the general manager of the company and asked him about the machinery and outlets for the marketing of drugs. The team then inspected the marketing records and the computers. The team completed its assignment at 1015 hours. It then proceeded to another site and arrived at 1045 hours at the Genetic Analysis Plant belonging to the same company and located in the Karakah district of

Mosul. The team interviewed the manager of the plant and asked him how many workers the plant had, how many of them held advanced degrees, what types of tests were carried out on the products and the types of products. The team then inspected all the plant's facilities. It completed its assignment at 1150 hours and arrived back at the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 1205 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC biological team

A team of 12 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0835 hours, and at 0905 hours it arrived at the Faculty of Medicine of Saddam University located in the Kazimiyah district of Baghdad. The team interviewed the Faculty's representative for liaison with the National Monitoring Directorate and asked about the Faculty, the degree awarded by it, the number of student admissions, the criteria for admission and the authority that determined whether students were admitted for advanced studies. The team then interviewed the head of the Faculty's department of microbiology and asked him about the research under way in the department and research on the study of the resistance of micro-organisms to antibiotics. The team inspected all the Faculty's departments, as well as the stores and electrical transformers. It also checked all tagged supplies. The team completed its assignment at 1330 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1400 hours.

V. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

A team of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours, and at 0945 hours it arrived at the chlorine plant of the Tariq State Enterprise, belonging to MIC and located in the Saqlawiyah area in Anbar governorate, 90 kilometres north-west of Baghdad. The name of this chlorine site is mentioned in the report by Mr. Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister as producing chemical weapons. The inspection teams have already visited this site. The team interviewed the director of the plant and asked him about some of the equipment there. It then inspected the stores of raw materials and the stores of equipment and apparatus. It took two samples of the soil from one of the stores. The team completed its assignment at 1313 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1435 hours.

VI. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

A team of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours, and at 0940 hours it arrived at the Ma'mun plant belonging to the Rashid State Enterprise, an MIC subsidiary located 60 kilometres south of Baghdad. The team tagged Fath missile engines and observed the process of solid fuel casting for Fath missiles. The team completed its assignment at 1200 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

VII. Remarks

The number of sites inspected by the various inspection teams on this day totalled eight, with 56 inspectors taking part.